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I.

THAT the outward Doors ſhall not be opened before Six in the Morning, and ſhall be locked at Six in the Evening, from *Lady-Day* to *Michaelmas*; and not opened before Eight in the Morning, and locked at Eight in the Evening, from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day*, except upon ſpecial Occaſions.

II.

That the Governor and Matron ſhall make ready the Proviſions in a clean and wholeſome Manner, and ſee that Breakfaſt be ready at Eight o'Clock, Dinner at Twelve, and Supper, by the Time the Workers leave off Work.

III. That

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That they cauſe Grace to be ſaid before and after Meat; keep all the Rooms neat and clean; ſee them ſwept every Day, or at leaſt three Times a Week, and waſhed as often as they can conveniently have it done: That they cauſe the Windows to be ſet open every Day (except in rainy Weather) and ſuffer no Victuals to be eaten out of the Dining-Room, by any but the Sick, and ſuch as officiate as Servants in the Houſe.

IV.

That the following Bill of Fare be particularly obſerved, until Alteration ſhall be made therein, by a Weekly or Quarterly Committee.

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BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
Sunday, Bread and Cheeſe.	Mutton, Beef, or Pork, Dumpling or Pudding.	Broth.
Monday, Broth.	Baked Suet Pudding.	Bread and Cheeſe.
Tueſday, Bread and Cheeſe.	Rice-Milk.	Ditto.
Wedneſday, Ditto.	Mutton, Beef, or Pork, and Dumpling or Pudding.	Broth.
Thurſday, Broth.	Baked Rice Pudding.	Bread and Cheeſe.
Friday, Bread and Cheeſe.	Mutton, Beef, or Pork, and Dumpling or Pudding.	Ditto.
Saturday, Ditto.	Broth thickened with Rice.	Ditto.

V.

That the Governor and Matron cauſe the Childrens Heads and Hands to be kept clean, and all the Cloaths and Beds; and deliver to every one of the Poor, clean Linnen on *Saturday* Evening, and take in their foul on *Sunday* Morning.

VI.

That they ſee all the Poor to Bed by Nine o'Clock in Summer, and Eight in Winter; be careful to have all Fires and Candles put out (except in the Sick Wards) and ſuffer no Perſon to ſmoak, on any Account, but in the Working Rooms, and by no Means above Stairs: And that no Candles be uſed in the Evenings of the Months of *May*, *June*, *July*, and *Auguſt* (except by the Governor, and in the Infirmaries).

VII.

That the Governor ſhall read Prayers, or cauſe them to be read, every Day, in the Morning, before ringing the Working Bell, and in the Evening, after Supper.

VIII.

That a Book ſhall at all Times lie open in the Committee Room, with Pen and Ink near it, that in Caſe any Director, or Guardian, or other Perſon, viſiting the Houſe occaſionally, ſhall perceive any Thing amiſs, or can ſuggeſt any

any Thing, for the better conducting this Undertaking, he may write his Thoughts or Obſervations therein, that the Weekly Committee may conſider the ſame, and report it (if they ſee proper) to the next Meeting to be held for the Purpoſe of making Bye-Laws.

IX.

That the Matron ſhall deliver out the Soap, and ſee all the Linnen waſhed, and got up, and the Beds ſheeted once a Month; and take Care that no Linnen be hung up to dry in any of the Sick Wards.

X.

That the Nurſes, in whoſe Ward any Perſon ſhall die, ſhall immediately acquaint the Governor therewith, who ſhall cauſe the Corpſe to be carried into the proper Place, and a Coffin and Shroud immediately provided.

XI.

That when any Perſon falls ſick or lame in the Houſe, Notice thereof ſhall be given to the Apothecary and Surgeon.

XII.

That ſuch Girls as are of a proper Age, be employed and inſtructed (as far as the Matron and Servants of the Houſe are capable of teaching them) in Cookery, Houſewifery, Waſh-

Waſhing, and Scouring, and all other Work, to qualify them for Service.

XIII.

That ſpecial Care be taken to prevent all Perſons, particularly the Children, from making Waſte in their Proviſions, or the Materials with which they are employed to work: And that this Article be particularly attended to by the Governor.

XIV.

That the Governor and Matron do not, but by Order of the Apothecary, ſuffer any poor Perſons, belonging to the Houſe, to drink Tea therein.

XV.

That a Box be provided, and fixed in ſome Place to be appointed by the Directors and acting Guardians, for occaſional Donations; to which there ſhall be two Locks, and the Key of one of them ſhall be kept by the Governor, and the other by the Clerk for the Time being; and the Money put into the Box is to be at the Diſpoſal of the Committee; and no poor Perſon in the Houſe ſhall aſk Alms.

RULES

FOR THE

Directors *and* Guardians.

I.

THAT they enquire whether the Maſter, Miſtreſs, Apothecary, and the reſt of the Family, have behaved agreeably to the Rules of this Corporation: Whether the Apothecary has attended regularly: Whether the Rooms, Bedding, &c. are kept ſufficiently clean: Whether the Meat, &c. brought into the Houſe be wholeſome, and proper for the Family: Whether there be any infectious Diſorder in the Houſe, and whether the Poor want neceſſary Cloathing, &c.

II.

That they enter their Report in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe, which ſhall be always laid on the Table for every Committee to peruſe.

III. That,

That, in all Advertiſements to Tradeſmen, and others, for the delivering in Propoſals for contracting for any Kind of Goods for the Uſe of the Houſe, it ſhall be particularly ſpecified that all Propoſals will be rejected by the Committee, that are ſigned with the Propoſer's Name, or marked with any Character, by which it may be known from whom ſuch Propoſals come; and all Committees are enjoined to reject the ſame.

IV.

That Orders for the Relief of the Occaſional Poor, and Letters of Recommendation of the Poor applying for Relief, be printed and diſtributed to the Directors and acting Guardians and Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, containing Directions to the ſaid Officers how to uſe them, and to make Returns to the Weekly Committee.

THE END.